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To whom it may concern:

Each year the United States Egg Industry force molts (intentionally starves for up to 14 days) millions of hens to manipulate egg ~~production~~ production. Forced molting is so stressful it destroys the hens' immune system, predisposing the birds and their eggs to salmonella infection. The United States Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service said "FSIS recognizes that public health concerns are raised by highly stressful forced molting practices."

The FDA who bans the practices that injure human health on farms. The primary cause of infectious diseases ~~in~~ in hens, eggs and consumers of eggs is from forced molting.

A petition that was given to the FDA last year still hasn't been granted and should be.

Sincerely,

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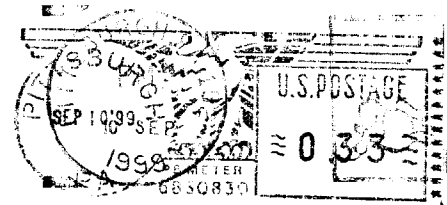
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